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Additionally, Mr. Polhill's information is available to the Trustee with a subpoena on Mr. Polhill rather than the Committee's accountant. Although Mr. Polhill states that his personal confidential information should not be disseminated to any party without his consent, his personal financials and tax returns are not privileged. *E.g., St. Regis Paper Co. v. United States*, 368 U.S. 208, 217 (1961); *Heathman v. U.S. District Court*, 503 F.2d 1032, 1034-35 (9th Cir. 1974).

At the same time, there is "a public policy against unnecessary public disclosure [of tax returns, which] arises from the need, if the tax laws are to function properly, to encourage taxpayers to file complete and accurate returns." *Premium Serv. Corp. v. Sperry & Hutchinson Co.*, 511 F.2d 225, 229 (9th Cir. 1975). Therefore, Judge Pro recently held that the court may only order production of tax returns "if they are relevant and when there is a compelling need for them because the information sought is not otherwise available." *Keybank Nat'l Assn. v. Nielson*, Case No. 2:10-cv-00352-PMP-LRL, 2011 WL 2036975, *3 (D. Nev. May 24, 2011).

In the current case, if Mr. Polhill's tax returns (and other personal confidential information) are relevant, then the Trustee can obtain them directly from Mr. Polhill. They are clearly available from Mr. Polhill; this is not a situation where they are not otherwise available except for the copies in the possession of the Committee's accountant. If the Trustee wants to learn about the finances or Mr. Polhill and/or Debtor, they should obtain that information directly from them rather than seeking to depose the Committee's accountant for his opinions and assessments of them.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2011

ARMSTRONG TEASDALE LLP

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